

**GCSE (9-1)**

# **ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**J352**

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**Exam hints for students**

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## Exam hints

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Plan your time carefully in the exam. Try to give yourself enough time to complete all the questions.



Answer the specific question. You don't need to say everything you know about your text!



Remember literary genre. Is your text a play with an audience or a novel with a reader?



Comment on language, form *and* structure. Think about the effects on the reader/audience.



More complex subject terminology is not always helpful. Use what is most appropriate in your response.



Select short quotations to support your response. Try to include them as part of a sentence.



Make sure contextual information is relevant to the question and your response. Try to use shorter references and weave them throughout your response.



With unseen comparison, try to comment on both texts together rather than looking at each text separately.



For the Modern text questions, make sure you answer questions a and b on the same text.



In the Modern text part a question, only respond to extracts in front of you, not the rest of your set text. Try to use the unseen extract as a way of looking at the set text extract with a fresh pair of eyes.



Choose your poem carefully for Poetry question b. Think about which poem will best fit the specific question.



When choosing which question to answer for the 19<sup>th</sup> century novel and Shakespeare, think carefully about which one will best allow you to show your knowledge and understanding.

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